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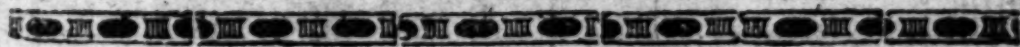
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# DIRECTIONS

for Commissioners, with the  
Steward of each Mannour,

Aswell for admitting of Tenants to  
Copy hold Estates, as for Assessing of  
Fines of the same.

Resolved on by the right Honourable *Robert*  
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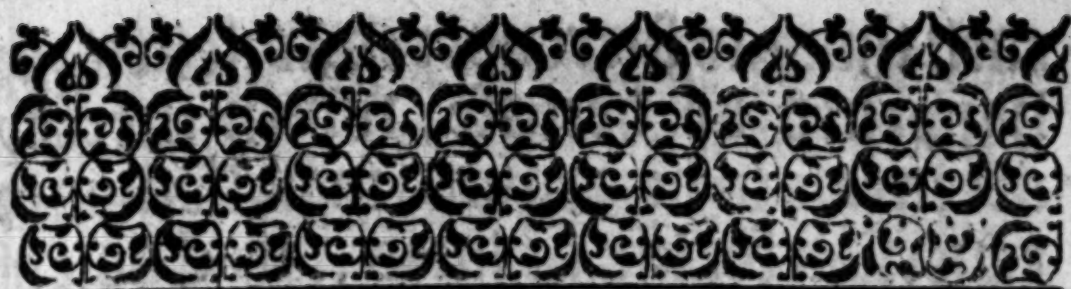
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 Copy-hold estates for Life or Liues, accor-  
 ding to the Custome of the Mannor: Resolued  
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 Barons there.

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 ers and the Steward  
 with all care and dili-  
 gence to informe them-  
 selves of all surrend-  
 ers, forfeitures, and de-  
 ceases of Tenants for  
 terme of life or liues, and of the quanti-  
 tie, qualitie, and true yeerely value of  
 each

each thing so surrendered, forfeited, or  
happened by decease, which thereby  
are in case to be granted in possession or  
reversion for life or lives, by Copie of  
Courtroll, according to the custome of  
the Mannor.

Item, Where by determination of  
such estates the Copyholde is in his  
Majesties hands, & is harrietable, one  
Justice of Peace, the Surueyor of the  
Countie, or in his absence two Justices  
of the Peace neerest dwelling to the  
Mannor of  
and the Steward thereof, To asseſſe  
the fines at nine yerres true value of each  
thing, the ancient Rent and yeerely va-  
lue of Custome woꝝkes being reprised.  
And thereupon to grant three lines, ac-  
cording to the Custome of the Mannor;  
or if the Custome beare but two lines,  
then at seven yeeres true value, And  
where but one life, five yeeres value,  
and not vnder, reprising vt supra.

And where the land is not harrieta-  
ble



able and so the lesse charge to the Tenant, which land may in that regard beare the greater Fine to his Maiestie, To asseſſe the Fine for three liues at tenne yeeres true value, and for two liues in present possession at eight yeeres true value, And for one life in present possession, if the Custome will beare no more, at six yeeres profit, repriſing vt supra.

And Where there is only a Widowes estate in Copyholde land being harri- etable, To contract with such as desire grant thereof by Copy for three liues after such Widowes estate for six yeeres true value of each thing, the ancient Rent and yeerely value of the workes being repriſed. But Where it is not harri- etable, at seven yeeres true value and not vnder.

And Where the Custome alloweth foure or five liues, (as in some fewe Mannors it doeth, or is so pretended) There to aduance the Fine for his Maie-

**Majesties profite accordingly.**

And where there is but one life in Copie and possibilitie of a Widowes estate, the Copyhold being harrietable, To contract for two lives in reversion at three yeeres profit, and not vnder (the rent and yeerely value of Custome Workes reprised.) And where the Custome alloweth no Widowes estate, or the Copyholde is not harrietable, To a Telle the Fine at foure yeeres of the true value, and not vnder.

And where there is two lives in Copyholde and possibilitie of Widowes estates, being also harrietable, To contract for no further estate.

And where the present Tenants having three lives in Copie Will surrender by composition that three others may be stated in Copie, There for the exchange of the lives being of like age, to contract for one yeeres true value and not vnder. But where those that  
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are to bee admitted, or any of them are younger then those that were formerly in Copie, The Commissioners to advance his Maiesties profit accordingly. And so for exchange of one, two, and three lues or more in reversion, the Commissioners to haue respectiue regard thereto.

Provided, that the children and next of the kindred of each former Tenant haue heerein preferment, if willingly he or they will desire to giue the Fines before mentioned.

Provided also, that none of the sayd Iustices of the Peace, Steward, nor Surueyor, to be heereafter appointed, be Copyhold Tenant of any the Mannors whereof the Tenants are to be so admitted.

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are to be admitted any of them are  
founder then that were formerly  
in force. The Commission to us  
under the Statute of the 13th of  
the 1st of Edward 1st, and  
therefore as much in relation, the  
Commissioners to us respectively to  
subscribed.

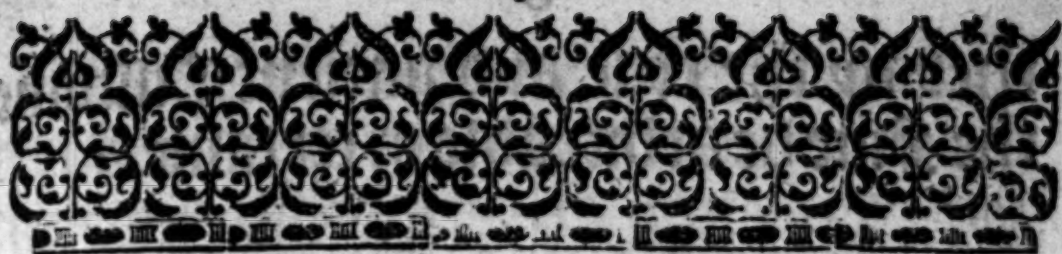
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of the number of each former Channel  
have been preserved, if willingly  
be or they will desire to give the things  
before mentioned.

It is also, that none of the said  
Statutes of the 13th of Edward 1st, nor  
any of the Statutes appointed,  
be disobeyed or contrary to any the same  
now in force of the Statutes are to be so  
contrary.

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Directions for Commis-  
sioners with the Steward of each  
Mannour, to asseſſe Fines of Copy-holds  
wherein the Tenants haue eſtates of Inheri-  
tance, according to the Cuſtome of the Mannor:  
Reſolued on by the right Honourable R O B E R T  
Earle of Salisburie L. high Treasourer of Eng-  
land, Sir I V L I V S C æ S A R Knight, Chancellour  
and vnder-Treasourer of his Maieſties Exchequer  
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ders, and Deſcents  
of Tenants not yet  
admitted, and of the quantitie, qualitie  
and true yeerely value of each thing ſo  
Surrendred or Deſcended, and whe-  
ther

ther by the true and ancient Custome  
the Fine be arbitrable or certaine.

Item, Where the land is harrietable,  
and the fine arbitrable, The Steward  
with one Justice of the Peace next  
dwelling to that Manor, & the Sur-  
ueyor of the Countie, or in his absence  
two of the Justices neereſt dwelling,  
to aſſeſſe the Fine vpon admittance at  
one yeere and a halſes profit, according  
to the true yeerely value, and not vn-  
der nor otherwiſe.

Item, Where the land is not har-  
rietable, and the Fine arbitrable, to aſ-  
ſeſſe the Fine at two yeeres profit, ac-  
cording to the true yeerely value and  
not vnder.

Item, Where the Fine is certaine,  
& ſo to be prooued by the ancient Court  
Rols, tempore H. 7. and before, or by o-  
ther ſufficient matter of Record, there  
to admit the Tenants for ſuch Fine  
certaine.

Item,



Item, where the Fine is pretended certaine, and cannot bee so prooued to the Commissioners as aforesayd, yet neuerthelesse (in such case) to admit the tenants, and respect the assenting of the Fine vntill such tenants haue attended the Kings learned Counsell, and satisfied them therein, or that some further order shall be taken concerning the same: And for better notice and information to bee giuen, the Steward & Commissioners to certifie the State of such questionable certainty or vncertainty of the Fines, to the Barons of the Exchequer.

Item, the sayd Commissioners and Steward to inquire with like care and diligence what harriets, relieves, or other matter of profit is due vnto his Maiestie by surrender, alienation, or decease of any the tenants (of such Mannour) aswell of Freeholde as Copyholde, as also of Lease lands, and to take such order that his Maiestie be duly and truly answered the said fines,

harriets, reliefs, and other profits from  
time to time as they grow due.

The sayd Commissioners & Stew-  
ard to make true Certificate of their  
proceedings herein to the Chancellour  
and Councell, immediatly after euery  
Court, vnder their handes. And also  
like Certificate of all Copyhold lands  
that shall happen to escheat or other-  
wise come to his Maiesties hands, be-  
fore they grant them againe by Copie.

Provided, that none of the sayd Ju-  
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